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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.  
INSTALLMENT received on NEW SHARES, 926,765.62

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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

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## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED A  
BRANCH OF our Firm in Tamsui, Formosa. Mr. WILFRID CHRISTY is authorised to sign on our behalf for Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

## Intimations.



### NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified to the Public that the MILITARY AUTHORITIES are about to lay a MINE FIELD on the Hongkong side of the LY-K-MUN PASS, for the purpose of making experiments. The Field will be marked by Two Buoys moored in the Centre of the Pass, and to prevent fouling the MINE CASES and MACHINES, Masters of Vessels navigating the Channel are cautioned to keep on the North-East or Chinese side of the said Buoys.

GUARD BOATS will be stationed to warn Shipmasters previous to firing the Mines.

H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,  
Hongkong, February 5, 1884. 242

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Underwriter with Lists of CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending 31st December, 1883.

Returns not rendered prior to 31st March next will be adjusted by the Office.

N. J. EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 9, 1884. 254

NOTICE.

H. CAMPBELL, late of Foochow, has the honour to inform the Gentry and Public of the following important  
THE FIRST CLASS HAIR-DRESSING SALOON at BAPT BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL. Mr. CAMPBELL's Assistants, Messrs. DUTTON and OTTO, are thoroughly experienced in their Business, the former having from one of the leading San Francisco Establishments, while the latter was for many years connected with Mr. W. P. MOORE's Establishment in Hongkong. Mr. CAMPBELL hopes, by strict attention to the wants of the Public, to merit a share of their Patronage.

Hongkong, January 24, 1884. 247

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

QUARANTINING IN EUROPE.

PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS by the above Company's Steamers are informed that QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENTS have been reduced at MANILLE to 24 hours, and at Vicksburg to 3 days.

Quarantine will probably be removed from all ports by the time Steamers now leaving CHINA will arrive in the MEDITERRANEAN.

PASSENGERS by the Company's Steamers always have the option of continuing the journey on to LONDON, on payment of the difference of fare.

A. MULVER,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1884. 169

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of £10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGULAR SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 8d. or \$53.93 per Share.

Interest at the Rate of 7 % per Annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 121

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ENGINEER SURVEYORSHIP AT HONGKONG.

THE Committee of Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping being desirous to appoint a Surveyor at the port of Hongkong, for the purpose of holding Surveys on the ENGINES and BOILERS of SHIP VESSELS.

Notice is hereby given, that applications from persons wishing to become candidates, accompanied by testimonials as to the applicants' personal character and professional fitness for the office, will be considered, if forwarded to E. BURNIE, Esq., Surveyor to Lloyd's Register, Hongkong, for consideration on or before the 1st March, 1884.

It is necessary that every candidate should make his application in his own handwriting, and also that he should state his age, and describe the experience he has had and the occupations in which he is present engaged. Applicants should also set forth whether they have had any experience in respect to the surveying of Wood and Iron Ships, and, if so, to what extent.

The Surveyor will not be required to be exclusively the servant of the Society, and his remuneration will depend upon the fees he receives for surveys.

Further Particulars as to Remuneration, &c., may be obtained on enquiry at the Office of E. BURNIE, Esq., as above.

By Order of the Committee,

B. WAYMOUTH,  
Secretary.

2, White Lion Court,  
Cornhill, E.C. 215

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point

Hongkong, July 25, 1883.

Object.

To construct and work Tramways, for the carriage of men and goods, in the important, populous and rapidly increasing towns of the Empire, under authority given by Ordinance of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

Applications for SHARES may be sent in to any of the Agencies and Branches of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, from whom Copies of the Prospectus can be obtained.

Applications from China will be received up to the 20th of February, 1884.

Singapore, 8th December, 1883. 183

Mr. Andrew Wind,  
News Agent, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, Overland China Mail, and China Review,

Established February, 1884.

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A REPRESENTATION of "Durs" was given at the City Hall on Saturday by the Lofus Troupe, with the assistance of gentleman amateurs, for the benefit of Professor Blakeney. There was a fairly good house. All the male parts with the exception of one were filled by amateurs. It was evident from the first that the actors were unequal to the task of making the play go well. Sergt. Jones, the Non-Commissioned officer was very well played, and the part of Mary Nedley, filled by Miss Victoria Loftus, was also very successfully rendered. Mr. F. W. Oakland, whose acting and singing have been so universally admired during the Company's stay, takes his benefit on Saturday evening.

A BRUTAL case of ill-treating a child came to the notice of the Police yesterday afternoon. As Inspector Quincey was passing along Hollywood Road, he was informed that some women had cruelly maltreated a child, three years of age, in house No. 93. He entered the house, and found matters as they had been described to him. The child, a little girl, bore evident marks of the inhumanity it had received, being one mass of bruise from the head to the feet. Inspector Quincey made the women of the house accompany him to the Station, and also took the child with him. Dr Ayres examined the child, and to-day, stated to the Magistrate, Mr A. G. Wise, that it was covered with bruises and sores; some of which were old and some recent. Mr Wise sentenced one of the women to one month's imprisonment, and ordered the child to be sent to the hospital, and, on its being discharged, to be handed over to the Registrar General, who, it is to be hoped, will place the little one in happier surroundings than those from which it has just emerged. The little one had apparently been kicked and cuffed about by every one in the house.

We publish the lengthy letter from North Borneo which appears in another column because we like giving persons who believe they have a substantial grievance a full hearing. At the same time it should be noted in fairness to the Company that so far our correspondent says nothing of the resources of the country, which, together with the climate, are the chief points to be taken into account in considering the future of North Borneo. Our correspondent has apparently so far seen but little of North Borneo; he merely gives us his first impressions of one of the ports, and it is not difficult to understand that a settlement, mainly made by Chinese in a wild country, does not present a very attractive spectacle, from an artistic point of view—which seems to be the view taken of it by our correspondent. That the dwellings, streets, defensive arrangements and sanitary conditions of Elopura are of a feeble nature is practically a matter of comparatively small moment, provided the resources of the country are good, and the climate a fairly healthy one; well built towns will, in such case, spring up in the course of time. A new settlement must be, as a rule, a most disappointing spectacle to the artistic visitor from the East, who thinks perhaps more of the "look-sees" than the nature of the soil and its productions. To practical colonists, provided with sufficient capital and bant on making the soil yield up its riches, our remarks are perhaps unnecessary, but to many of the readers of our correspondent's letter in the Far East they afford a timely caution.

The Port Darwin Times of the 23rd Jan. says: We see that tenders are again being called for the conveyance of mails between Port Adelaide and Port Darwin, with liberty to proceed to Hongkong or Batavia (calling at that port both ways) for a period of five years, to commence from July 1st, 1884; the steamer to sail at Port Adelaiate not less than two clear days, and at Port Darwin, when en route for South, not less than 24 hours.

A FEW days ago, the Chinese corvette *Yung Woo* went out from Pagoda Anchorage for the purpose of gun practice. Ricochet-firing appears, upon the present occasion, to have been the description of instruction and some shells rebounding from the water onto a small island, where there was a crowd of thirteen or fourteen natives, had the effect, upon exploding, of killing nine of the number on the spot, and slightly injuring two others.—*Frochow Herald*.

The Japanese steamer *Konjouwa Maru*, it is reported at Nagasaki, struck on a rock off the coast of Hakata, about 5 p.m. on the 20th Jan., whilst on the voyage from Nagasaki to Kobe, with a cargo of 2,000 bags of rice, part of which was destroyed, but no lives were lost. The Koto native journals, however, state that after striking the rock she sank, and that all her cargo will be lost. The *Konjouwa Maru* belongs to Mr. Imai, of Osaka, and operations to raise her are reported to have been already commenced.—*Nagasaki Express*.

The Governor of Mauritius and the late Admiral Pierre, who conducted the French operations at Madagascar, wrote some exquisitely humorous letters to each other. Sir J. Pope Hennessy, in a letter to the Admiral, dated July 4, wrote:—"Having every confidence in your Excellency's desire to respect the interests and wishes of British residents in Madagascar, a sentiment of which you have given a distinguished proof in the honour paid to the remains of the late Mr. Consul Pakenham, I have, &c." The Admiral saw the point at once, and, in his reply, said it was his desire to be useful to all the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty. These letters were written, not only subsequent to the Pakenham affair, but after the Shaw affair, and other similar incidents.—*Australasian*

THE Chinese Gun-boat *Yung Pao* arrived at the Pagoda Anchorage a few days ago, bringing about five hundred native soldiers from Wuhan, who have been stationed at Qwan-Tao. We are informed that the S.S. Lee Yuen and two other of the China Merchants Steamers are expected to shortly arrive with more troops.—*Frochow Herald*.

We learn that up to the commencement of the China New Year's vacation, the employees at the Arsenal at Pagoda Anchorage were exceedingly busy in every department. His Excellency Ho, the Commissioner of the Arsenal, pushing forward the works, and personally inspecting every branch of the same. Two new gunboats are now under construction, and we are informed that, upon their completion, the lines of two more vessels, intended of similar dimensions, will be at once laid.—*Frochow Herald*.

The following telegrams are taken from Australian papers:

*Adelaide*, Jan. 16th.—London advises report that the Marquess of Normanby has tendered his resignation of the Government of Victoria.

It is rumored that the Imperial Government will immediately establish stations along the Pacific coast.

*Adelaide*, Jan. 23rd.—It is rumored that Lord Augustus Loftus, present Governor of N.W.S., will succeed the Marquess of Normanby as Governor of Victoria. The latter proceeds to England.

Six men frightfully outraged a young girl, whilst she was proceeding to Peterburgh, near Sydney. In consequence the authorities have put out 42 extra policemen to patrol the Sydney suburbs.

Queen Victoria's knee, which she injured some months ago, by falling down stairs at Windsor Castle, is again very troublesome. She can now only stand for a few minutes.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT BOWRINGTON.

One of the most destructive fires that has occurred in Hongkong during the last twelve months took place yesterday in a large godown, belonging to Messrs. Russell & Co., at Bowrington. Fortunately, the origin of the fire in this instance is not surrounded by any mystery, and its knowledge will, no doubt, lead to the doings of such measures as will effectually prevent such a catastrophe occurring from the same cause again.

The godown, where the conflagration occurred, is situated at Bowrington, just behind the godowns belonging to the Messengers' Martineau Coy., and at the time of the outbreak was stored with kerosene oil, part of which had only been landed a few days previously from the American ship *Pearl River*.

For some time past, it has been the custom for the men employed at the godown to solder thin tins which have been damaged just outside the godown doors; and, on several occasions lately, we are informed, the tins have caught fire during the process of repairing. Luckily, however, the flames were not allowed to spread, and the way being forced by the steam launch, As he was leaving the ship in search of his water boat, he saw the engine brought alongside with a small pump on board.

After he saw the pump in the cargo boat properly set up, he left in a sampan, and requested Mr. Gitz, to attend to any orders he might receive from the deck. He then brought his own water boat, which he met

at the godown, and in a few moments

the tin exploded, and in a few seconds the whole of the tins were in flames, which travelled with almost lightning rapidity along the line of tins into the open godown.

One of the coolies, who was working at the tins, is said to have died from the burns he received. Another, finding he was unable to put out the flames on his clothes by rolling on the ground, rushed to the Canal, about 100 yards off, and threw himself into it, thus effectually extinguishing the flames and saving himself from immense torture if not from a cruel death. The alarm was soon given, and five minutes after the fire started, the fire engine from East Point Sugar Refinery, which is close by, was on the spot.

The next fire engine to arrive was that belonging to the Hongkong Fire Insurance Companies; and from that time until one o'clock, fire extinguishing apparatus and volunteers continued to arrive. Abundance of water could be had, which, falling both from the barrels and the coolies, and as volunteers were

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## THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY,

TENTH YEAR.

**THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," has reached its Twelfth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are uppermost in the minds of students of the "Far East" and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more general and useful.**

The Review department receives special attention and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of Literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to "Editor, China Review, care of China Mail Office."

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondents' column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, the Imperial Chinese, Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is abundantly cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Ede, Prentender, Hirth, and Hesse, Professor Lodge, and Maesa Balfour, Waterer, Stent, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Matheson, Stent, Faber, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Giles, and Piton—all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review."—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.).

"The China Review \*\*\* has an excellent table of contents."—Celestial Empire.

"The publication always contains subjects of interest to sojourners in the Far East and the present issue will hold favourable if not advantageous comparison, with preceding numbers."—Celestial Empire.

"This number contains several articles of interest and value."—North-China Herald.

The China Review for September-October fully maintains the high standard of excellence which characterizes that publication, and altogether forms a very interesting and readable number. Meteorologists will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritzsche, on "the Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking," showing the results of observations made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1841 to 1880. "Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa," by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of "The Divine Classic of Nan-Hua," and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting."—North-China Daily News.

"A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Chinese would do well to patronize."—Chrysanthemum.

"The November-December number of the China Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giese on "The New Testament in Chinese" treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuan" are contained, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with great interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which on "On Chinese Oaths in Western Burma and Java" might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—H.R. Daily Press.

Trubner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—The present publication, judging by the number not before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publication as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors.

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